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TITLE: Combinatorial blockade of calcineurin and CD28 signaling facilitates primary and secondary therapeutic gene transfer by adenovirus vectors in dystrophic (mdx) mouse muscles

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AB Recombinant adenovirus vectors (AdV) have been considered a potential vehicle for performing gene therapy in patients suffering from Duchenne muscular dystrophy but are limited by a cellular and humoral immune response that prevents long-term transgene expression as well as effective

transduction after AdV readministration. Conventional immunosuppressive agents such as cyclosporine and **FK506**, which act by interfering with CD3-T-cell receptor-mediated signaling via calcineurin, are only partially effective in reversing these phenomena and may also produce substantial organ toxicity. We hypothesized that activation of redundant T-cell activation pathways could limit the effectiveness of these drugs

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clin. tolerable doses. Therefore, we have tested the ability of immunomodulatory Igs (Ig) with different modes of action to facilitate AdV-mediated gene transfer to adult dystrophic (mdx) mice. When used in isolation, immunomodulatory Ig (anti-intercellular adhesion mol.-1, anti-leukocyte function-assocd. antigen-1, anti-CD2, and CTLA4Ig) were only mildly effective in mitigating cellular and/or humoral immunity against adenovirus capsid proteins and the therapeutic transgene product, dystrophin. However, the combination of **FK506** plus CTLA4Ig abrogated the immune response against adenovirus proteins and dystrophin to a degree not achievable with the use of either agent alone. At 30

days

after AdV injection, >90% of myofibers could be found to express dystrophin with little or no evidence of a cellular immune response against transduced fibers. In addn., the humoral immune response was markedly suppressed, and this was assocd. with increased transduction efficiency following vector readministration. These data suggest that by facilitating both primary and secondary transduction after AdV administration, combined targeting of CD3-T-cell receptor-mediated signaling via calcineurin and the B7:CD28 costimulatory pathway could greatly increase the potential utility of AdV-mediated gene transfer as a therapeutic modality for genetic diseases such as Duchenne muscular dystrophy that will require long-term transgene expression and repeated vector delivery.

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TITLE: Adjusting immunosuppression to the identification of T-cell activating mediators in rejecting transplants: a novel approach to rejection diagnosis and treatment

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PUBLISHER: Elsevier Science Inc.

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AB The authors evaluated the differential effect of drugs on generation of mediators identified in rejecting grafts (IL-2, IL-7, IL-15, **CTLA**-4, granzyme B, perforin, FAS ligand) utilizing RT-PCR in IL-2, IL-7, IL-15 induced activation of peripheral blood mononuclear cells. Cyclosporine A, dexamethasone and **rapamycin** inhibitory effect on the proliferative response and gene expression was studied.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999060961 MEDLINE
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 99060961 PubMed ID: 9846527
 TITLE: Combined costimulation blockade plus **rapamycin**
 but not cyclosporine produces permanent engraftment.
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 SOURCE: TRANSPLANTATION, (1998 Nov 27) 66 (10) 1387-8.
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 AB BACKGROUND: Combined treatment of allograft recipients with anti-CD40
 ligand and CTLA-4Ig (costimulation blockade) is a powerful promising
 albeit not consistently tolerizing therapy. It would be desirable to use
 an effective conventional immunosuppressive regimen in low doses or for a
 short course as an adjunct; however, cyclosporine treatment drastically
 blunts the ability of costimulation blockade to produce long-term
 engraftment. METHODS: Short courses of cyclosporine or **rapamycin**
 were compared as adjuncts to costimulation blockade in the murine BALB/c
 to C3H/He heterotopic cardiac allograft model. RESULTS: Although
 cyclosporine therapy blocked the capacity of costimulation blockade to
 produce permanent engraftment, combined **rapamycin** and
 costimulation blockade treatment produced permanent engraftment.
 CONCLUSION: A theoretical basis for the differing effects of cyclosporine
 and **rapamycin** upon the outcome of costimulation blockade is
 forwarded. Combined use of costimulation blockade and **rapamycin**
 may provide a means to bring costimulation blockade into the clinic.

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94062014 PubMed ID: 8242765

TITLE: The 4F9 antigen is a member of the tetra spans transmembrane protein family and functions as an accessory molecule in T cell activation and adhesion.

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SOURCE: CELLULAR IMMUNOLOGY, (1993 Nov) 152 (1) 249-60.
Journal code: 1246405. ISSN: 0008-8749.

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AB In this report, we describe a 43- to 50-kDa protein, which may function as

a costimulatory molecule for full activation of human T cells. This Ag, defined by a mouse monoclonal antibody (mAb) anti-4F9, is primarily distributed on "helper/inducer" or "memory" CD4+CD45RO+ subset. Like mAbs against many other accessory/costimulatory molecules, coimmobilization of anti-4F9 with anti-CD3 resulted in synergistic T cell proliferation. In addition, immobilized anti-4F9 on plastic plates induced T cell spreading characterized by the development of prominent **dendritic** processes. A cDNA encoding the 4F9 Ag was isolated from a cDNA library constructed from PHA/PMA-activated T cells using a COS cell expression system. The sequence of the cDNA and a homology search revealed that the 4F9 Ag was identical to R2, a molecule recently cloned by subtractive hybridization. The 4F9/R2 Ag belongs to a newly identified supergene family (tetra spans transmembrane protein family) characterized by four putative transmembrane domains which are highly conserved between the members of this family. Based upon the phenotypical and functional studies described here, we propose that the 4F9 Ag is an integral membrane protein which can transmit signals involved

in T cell proliferation and adhesion. The preferential distribution of this molecule on the CD4+CD45RO+ subset of T cells may contribute to the distinct activation profile and functional repertoire of these cells.

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DUPLICATE 1

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95362832 PubMed ID: 7543492
TITLE: **FK506** augments activation-induced programmed cell death of T lymphocytes in vivo.
AUTHOR: Migita K; Eguchi K; Kawabe Y; Tsukada T; Mizokami A; Nagataki S
CORPORATE SOURCE: First Department of Internal Medicine, Nagasaki University School of Medicine, Japan.
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF CLINICAL INVESTIGATION, (1995 Aug) 96 (2) 727-32.
Journal code: 7802877. ISSN: 0021-9738.
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AB **FK506** is an immunosuppressive drug that inhibits T cell receptor-mediated signal transduction. This drug can induce immunological tolerance in allograft recipients. In this study, we investigated the in vivo effects of **FK506** on T cell receptor-mediated apoptosis induction. Injection of anti-CD3 antibody (Ab) in mice resulted in the elimination of CD4+ **CD8**+ thymocytes by DNA fragmentation. **FK506** treatment significantly augmented thymic apoptosis induced by in vivo anti-CD3 Ab administration. Increased thymic apoptosis resulted in the disappearance of CD4+ **CD8**+ thymocytes after anti-CD3 Ab/**FK506** treatment. DNA fragmentation triggered by **FK506** was induced exclusively in antigen-stimulated T cells, since enhanced DNA fragmentation induced by in vivo staphylococcal enterotoxin B (SEB) injection was confirmed in SEB-reactive V beta 8+ thymocytes but not in SEB-nonreactive V beta 6+ thymocytes. In addition to thymocytes, mature peripheral T cells also die by **activation-induced programmed cell death**. A similar effect of **FK506** on **activation-induced programmed cell death** was observed in SEB-activated peripheral spleen T cells. In contrast, cyclosporin A treatment did not enhance **activation-induced programmed cell death** of thymocytes and peripheral T cells. Apoptosis is required for the generation and maintenance of self-tolerance in the immune system. Our findings suggest that **FK506**-triggered apoptosis after elimination of antigen-activated T cells may represent a potential mechanism of the immunological tolerance achieved by **FK506** treatment.

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TITLE: The role of the common cytokine receptor

.gamma.-chain

in regulating IL-2-dependent, activation-induced CD8+ T cell death

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AB IL-2-dependent, activation-induced T cell death (AICD) plays an important role in **peripheral tolerance**. Using CD8+ TCR-transgenic lymphocytes (2C), we investigated the mechanisms by which IL-2 preps. CD8+T cells for AICD. We found that both Fas and TNFR death pathways mediate the AICD of 2C cells. Neutralizing IL-2, IL-2R.alpha., or IL-2R.beta. inhibited AICD. In contrast, blocking the common cytokine receptor .gamma.-chain (.gamma.c) prevented Bcl-2 induction and augmented AICD. IL-2 up-regulated Fas ligand (FasL) and down-regulated .gamma.c expression on activated 2C cells in vitro and in vivo. Adult IL-2 gene-knockout mice displayed exaggerated .gamma.c expression on their CD8+, but not on their CD4+, T cells. IL-4, IL-7, and IL-15, which do

not promote AICD, did not influence FasL or .gamma.c expression. These data provide evidence that IL-2 preps. CD8+ T lymphocytes for AICD by at least two mechanisms: 1) by up-regulating a pro-apoptotic mol., FasL, and 2) by down-regulating a survival mol., .gamma.c.

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L68 ANSWER 9 OF 11 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2003 BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS INC.
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1992:433062 BIOSIS
DOCUMENT NUMBER: BA94:85187
TITLE: PERIPHERAL **DELETION** OF MATURE **CD8**
-POSITIVE ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC T CELLS AFTER IN-VIVO EXPOSURE
TO MALE ANTIGEN.
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AB It has been well established that T cell tolerance to self Ag occurs primarily via clonal deletion of immature thymocytes in the thymus. Evidence also exists that there are additional mechanisms operative on mature T cells for establishing and maintaining tolerance in the periphery. To follow the fate of mature Ag-specific T cells in vivo, we used female transgenic mice, which contain a large population of male H-Y Ag-specific T cells that can be identified by immunostaining with mAb directed against CD8 and the transgenic TCR. H-Y Ag was introduced into these mice by injecting Ag-bearing male lymphocytes using conditions known to induce CTL precursor response reduction. The number of Ag-reactive CD8+ transgenic T cells in the periphery started to decrease after 2 days of in vivo exposure to male Ag. Decline was maximum (up to 80% of total) by 7 days, and stayed at this level for at least 6 wk. CD4+ cells and those CD8+ cells that did not carry the transgenic TCR were not affected. Most or all of the remaining Ag-reactive CD8+ cells in the periphery were fully responsive when stimulated by male Ag in vitro. Maturation of transgenic T cells in the thymus of injected mice remained the same as that of control animals. Our data provide direct evidence that mature Ag-reactive **CD8+** cells are susceptible to clonal **deletion** in the periphery when exposed to the Ag in vivo. These findings suggest the presence of two types of APC (e.g., macrophages and dendritic cells) required for initiating an active immune response; and functionally deleting APC (or veto cells) capable of deleting mature T lymphocytes that recognize Ag presented on their surface. Functionally deleting APC that present self Ag to peripheral T cells may provide a fail-safe mechanism against autoreactive cells that escaped depletion during differentiation in the thymus.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 92329348 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 92329348 PubMed ID: 1385722
TITLE: **Peripheral tolerance** through clonal
deletion of mature CD4-CD8+ T cells.
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SOURCE: INTERNATIONAL IMMUNOLOGY, (1992 May) 4 (5)
599-610.
Journal code: 8916182. ISSN: 0953-8178.
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AB Transgenic mice bearing the alpha beta transgenes encoding a defined T cell receptor specific for the male (H-Y) antigen presented by the H-2Db class I MHC molecule were used to study mechanisms of **peripheral tolerance**. Female transgenic mice produce large numbers of functionally homogeneous CD8+ male antigen-reactive T cells in the thymus that subsequently accumulate in the peripheral lymphoid organs. We have used three experimental approaches to show that male reactive CD8+ T cells can be eliminated from peripheral lymphoid organs after exposure to male antigen. (i) In female transgenic mice that were neonatally tolerized with male spleen cells, male reactive CD8+ T cells continued to be produced in large numbers in the thymus but were virtually absent in the lymph nodes. (ii) Injection of thymocytes from female transgenic mice into female mice neonatally tolerized with the male antigen, or into normal male mice, led to the specific elimination of male-reactive CD8+ T cells in the lymph nodes. (iii) Four days after male lymphoid cells were injected intravenously into female transgenic mice, male antigen-reactive CD8+ T cells recovered from the lymph nodes of recipient mice were highly apoptotic when compared to CD4+ (non-male reactive) T cells. These data indicate that tolerance to extrathymic antigen can be achieved through elimination of mature T cells in the peripheral lymphoid organs.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000015195 MEDLINE
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 TITLE: Requirement for T-cell apoptosis in the induction of
 peripheral transplantation tolerance.
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AB The mechanisms of allograft tolerance have been classified as deletion,
 anergy, ignorance and suppression/regulation. Deletion has been
 implicated
 in central tolerance, whereas peripheral tolerance has generally been
 ascribed to clonal anergy and/or active immunoregulatory states. Here, we
 used two distinct systems to assess the requirement for T-cell deletion
 in
 peripheral tolerance induction. In mice transgenic for Bcl-xL, T cells
 were resistant to passive cell death through cytokine withdrawal, whereas
 T cells from interleukin-2-deficient mice did not undergo
 activation-induced cell death. Using either agents that block
 co-stimulatory pathways or the immunosuppressive drug rapamycin,
 which we have shown here blocks the proliferative component of
 interleukin-2 signaling but does not inhibit priming for
 activation-induced cell death, we found that mice with defective passive
 or active T-cell apoptotic pathways were resistant to induction of
 transplantation tolerance. Thus, deletion of activated T cells through
 activation-induced cell death or growth factor withdrawal seems necessary
 to achieve peripheral tolerance across major histocompatibility complex
 barriers.

L9 ANSWER 2 OF 2 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 1
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998143744 MEDLINE
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 98143744 PubMed ID: 9485202
TITLE: Hepatocytes induce functional activation of naive CD8+ T lymphocytes but fail to promote survival.
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SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY, (1998 Jan) 28 (1) 221-36.

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AB Intraperitoneal peptide injection of TCR-transgenic mice or expression of antigen in hepatocytes leads to an accumulation in the liver of specific **apoptotic CD8+** T cells expressing activation markers. To determine whether liver cells are capable of directly activating naive CD8+ T cells, we have studied the ability of purified hepatocytes to activate TCR-transgenic CD8+ T cells in vitro. We show that hepatocytes which do not express CD80 and CD86 co-stimulatory molecules are able to induce activation and effective proliferation of specific naive CD8+ T cells in the absence of exogenously added cytokines, a property only shared by professional antigen-presenting cells (APC). Specific T cell proliferation induced by hepatocytes was comparable in magnitude to that seen in response to **dendritic** cells and was independent of **CD4+** T cell **help** or bystander professional APC co-stimulation. During the first 3 days, the same number of divisions was observed in co-cultures of CD8+ T cells with either hepatocytes or splenocytes. Both APC populations induced expression of early T cell activation markers and specific cytotoxic T lymphocyte (CTL) activity. However, in contrast to T cells activated by splenocytes, T cells activated by hepatocytes lost their cytolytic function after 3 days of co-culture. This correlated with death of activated T cells, suggesting that despite efficient activation, proliferation and transient CTL function, T cells activated by hepatocytes did not survive. Death could

be prevented by adding antigen-expressing splenocytes or exogenous IL-2 to the co-culture, indicating that hepatocytes are not involved in direct killing of CD8+ T cells but rather fail to promote survival. Dying cells acquired a CD8(low) TCR(low) B220+ phenotype similar to the one described for apoptotic intrahepatic T cells, suggesting an alternative model to account for the origin of these cells in the liver. The importance of these findings for the understanding of peripheral tolerance and the ability of liver grafts to be accepted is discussed.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999079087 MEDLINE

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TITLE: CD4+ T cells orchestrate both amplification and **deletion** of CD8+ T cells.

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AB This review focuses on the role of CD4+ T cells in regulating immune responses, orchestrating both the amplification and **deletion** of immune cells, particularly CD8+ T cells. These two functions, which represent only an apparent contradiction, appear to be two faces of the same process of regulation. In fact, because the immune response, once activated, needs to be carefully controlled or switched off when the antigenic stimulus is eliminated, the immune system has developed several strategies either to regulate clonal amplification or to avoid useless expansion of activated cells. In particular, we have reported many data demonstrating that CD4+ T cells may be indicated as the regulatory element in the activation as well as the **deletion** of CD8+ T cells. New data are also reported on the ability of anergic CD4+ T cells to suppress CD8+ T-cell activation through induction of **apoptosis**, and on the need for CD8+ T cells for antigen recognition in inducing cell death in CD4+ T cells. Moreover, the central role of CD4+ T cells in the maintenance of **peripheral tolerance** has been widely described.

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